

A. Holmes upon her retirement as Director of Family Focus in Evanston, Illinois. Through her lifelong journey of service in Evanston, Delores has proven to be a true community hero.

For more than 26 years, Delores has reached out with persistence and optimism to promote healthy child development through family support. From her work with teenage parents, to engaging students through after-school programs, to providing important childcare and early learning opportunities for infants and toddlers, she has sought out and served those most in need. What Delores Holmes does best is teach people to see the greatness in themselves and in their community. She provides them with the tools they need to achieve their fullest potential.

Delores' dedication, selflessness, and insight have inspired and motivated citizens from all economic levels and from all walks of life. Her passionate fight to improve our community and empower our neighborhoods have earned her many awards and countless tributes from all around the nation, including recognition from the National Head Start Parent Association, the NAACP Community Work Award, and Parent Magazine's As They Grow Award.

Delores' perseverance and desire to get the most out of life and to improve the lives of others is evident in her own story. After marrying and having two children, Delores went back to school to earn a bachelor's degree from Northeastern Illinois University, and then ten years later, a Master's degree in education from the National College of Education in Evanston, IL. She went on to donate her time to numerous organizations and committees, and has served on the Board of Directors of the National Organization of Adolescent Pregnancy and Parenting, the Northern Cook County Private Industry Council, and the Evanston Chamber of Commerce.

On behalf of the community to which she has given so much, I thank Delores for her outstanding commitment and dedication. Her legacy of service will always be remembered and appreciated. I wish her health and happiness in her retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INCORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF WINDSOR

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2002

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Town of Windsor in Sonoma County California as this community celebrates the tenth anniversary of its incorporation.

Windsor has been a prosperous rural community for more than 150 years. The first Post Office was established in 1855 and by the 1870s it was a regular stop on the railroad line. The town's first housing development was completed in the 1950s and by the 1970s, community leaders spearheaded an unsuccessful attempt to incorporate.

In 1992 the community was successful and Windsor officially became Sonoma County's ninth city on July 1, 1992. Since its incorporation, Windsor has invested city funds to improve roadways, utilities and public facilities.

The Senior Center and Community Center were dedicated in 1995. The Town's first library opened in 1996. A year later, the Town dedicated Pleasant Oak Park and began its first teen program. The Teen Center opened in 1999 and the Town Green was dedicated in 2001. The Town has drafted future plans for a new train station for commuter and excursion rail.

Since incorporation, the Town has been guided by dedicated public servants elected to the Town Council. Original council members were Julie Adamson, Maureen McDaniel, Allan Rawland, Joseph Rodota, and Barbara Siegler. The Council is currently served by Mayor Sam Salmon and members Steven Allen, Debora Fudge, Lynn Morehouse, and Steve Scott.

Mr. Speaker, it is appropriate that we acknowledge and honor the Town of Windsor today as this pioneering community celebrates its tenth anniversary.

HONORING THE TELLEZ FAMILY

HON. HILDA L. SOLIS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2002

Ms. SOLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a very special family celebration that will take place on June 29, 2002, in the town of Clifton, Arizona. On Saturday, the Tellez family, many members of whom now reside in my district in California, will be honored for its dedication and service in valiantly defending our nation in the U.S. Armed Forces. The family will be recognized by the Hermanos de Vietnam, a division of the American Legion Post in Clifton, Arizona, for its combined 30 years of service in the U.S. military.

Remarkably, 11 out of the 15 family members have served in the military. The legacy began when Florencio Tellez, the family patriarch, served in the Army during World War I. His eight sons and two daughters followed in their father's footsteps.

Ruben and Florencio Tellez, Jr., both served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Ruben Tellez served with the airborne division as a radio man, and Florencio, Jr., survived when his ship was struck by the Germans and sunk.

Raul, Joe and Gilbert Tellez all served in the Korean War. Raul and Joe were in the Navy and served on the same ship; Gilbert was a Marine who was wounded by enemy fire.

Richard Tellez, served in the Navy during the 1950s and continued as a reservist through Desert Storm.

His brothers Edward and Oscar "Duffy" Tellez served during the Cold War era. Edward was in the Air Force stationed in Iceland, and Oscar joined the Army and was stationed in Germany.

Florencio's two daughters also devoted themselves to the U.S. military. Stella Tellez was in the Marine Corps, and Katherine Tellez was in the Cadet Nurse Corps, a group that addressed the nursing shortage in civilian hospitals.

This remarkable family has given more to our nation than anyone would ever have thought possible. I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring the Tellez family for their valiant and courageous service to our country.

NEW LOWS FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN UZBEKISTAN

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 27, 2002

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, over the past several weeks, Uzbek authorities have increased the harassment and suppression of religious groups viewed as a threat to the government's control of society. Uzbek authorities have systematically sought to stifle all aspects of religious life, including Muslim and Christian. It is currently believed that nearly 7,000 individuals are jailed for alleged crimes related to their religious affiliation or beliefs. Human rights organizations estimate that during the past year Uzbek courts convicted roughly 30 people a week under trumped-up charges.

Unfortunately, the list keeps growing. At the end of May, police arrested Yuldash Rasulov, a well-known human rights defender and devout Muslim. Rasulov's work through the Human Rights Society of Uzbekistan focused on government actions against Muslims choosing to worship outside the government-approved religious system. According to Human Rights Watch, officials charged Rasulov with "religious extremism," claiming he recruited Islamic militants to work toward overthrowing the state. Notably, a search of his home reportedly found nothing of an incriminating nature. Since being arrested, Rasulov has been held in incommunicado detention.

Authorities also targeted Musharaf Usamnova, the widow of a prominent Muslim activist Farhod Usmanov. Her husband was reportedly murdered in an isolation cell while in government custody in 1999. Uzbek officials arrested Musharaf in April, bringing over 50 men to ensure her capture, and her situation is unknown at this time. Soon thereafter, the government arrested several other women who were protesting the long prison sentences given to relatives and Muslim activists. The court sentenced these women to jail terms, some up to four years.

Adding to the concern about the treatment of these individuals is the rampant torture throughout the Uzbek "justice" system. Once in custody, many are savagely tortured and beaten in hopes of securing self-incriminating statements or evidence against other suspects. To ensure convictions, police authorities plant evidence on innocent individuals, such as weapons, drugs or banned religious propaganda. Judges hand out harsh prison sentences, despite claims of pervasive torture. Furthermore, prison conditions are abominable, infested with disease and pestilence. Individuals imprisoned on religious offenses are reportedly treated extraordinarily harsh; persons wishing to pray are subjected to further beatings and harassment. Incommunicado detention and disappearances of individuals also occur.

Also of serious concern are the extrajudicial executions that transpired over the past year. Human rights organizations reported on the deaths of five individuals while in police custody. Despite some Uzbek Government reports listing the cause of death as "heart attack" or "brain tumor," the open wounds, broken bones and multiple bruises on the corpses